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April 24, 2003

Mr. David Lacoste  
 Public Service Commission of SC  
 Post Office Drawer 11649  
 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 2001-204-C

Dear Mr. Lacoste:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. are submitting to the South Carolina Public Service Commission the agreement for the interconnection of their networks. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exists as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

The effective date of this agreement is April 18, 2003 and the expiration date is July 29, 2005.

Very truly yours,

C. Lesley Addis

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